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 UNIT: MD/OSA-DD/S&T
 EXT: 7509
 DATE: 4 DECEMBER 1963

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 FROM: DIRECTOR
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	MD/OSA	9 DD/OSA	ROUTING
1	MD/OSA	10 CD/OSA	
2	MD/OSA	11 RB/OSA	
3	D/PA/OSA		
4	OD/OSA	12	
5	OD/OSA	13	
6	OD/OSA	14	
7	D/TECH	15	
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DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1 SEP THRU 2 DEC, AT LEAST 21 DRAG CHUTE FAILURES WERE REPORTED ON A-12 AIRCRAFT. ELEVEN FAILURES WERE LISTED AS DEPLOYMENT MALFUNCTIONS AND TEN AS JETTISON MALFUNCTIONS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THESE FAILURES ARE DIMINISHING. WILL APPRECIATE A REPORT GIVING YOUR ANALYSIS OF THESE FAILURES AND WHAT ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO INSURE SOMETHING APPROACHING 100 PER CENT RELIABILITY FOR THIS SYSTEM.

END OF MESSAGE

D/TECH J.P. (in draft)

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